

Journal of the Senate

SECOND DAY

SENATE CHAMBER, TOPEKA, KANSAS
Tuesday, January 12, 2016, 2:30 p.m

The Senate was called to order by President Susan Wagle.

The roll was called with 40 senators present.

Invocation by Reverend Randy Lesseski, Central Park Christian Church, Topeka, KS.

Dear Father in Heaven, thank you for the Love and Grace you have given to each of us through your Son, Jesus Christ. Thank you for giving us the privilege to live in these United States, the state of Kansas and the city of Topeka. Thank you for giving us a part of the world that still remains in freedom. You have given us the distinct honor to live and serve with free will, in a time in history that will never be duplicated but always according to your will. We pray, Father, that as this day's activities are carried out in this session that you would first give us the Spirit of Peace. I pray also for clarity and unity. I pray, Father, that you would touch each person in attendance here and give them courage and strength as they move through issues and make decisions that will eventually affect and impact residents of the State of Kansas and in some instances, the world. Father, I pray for your divine protection to be on these men and women as they move through these troubled times. Hold them close, speak to them that when their ears hear you, it will be the voice of a loving Father saying, "fear not." Father, I also ask that you would comfort and protect Pastor Cecil Washington and his wife as they journey to our nation's capitol to visit his brother Wendell who is very ill. We pray Father for protection and healing in this family. Father, we confess that you are God our creator and that Jesus is the Son of God and Savior of the world and that your Holy Spirit is our comforter and guide. Thank you, Father, for the Grace that you have given us to assemble here today and I pray that you will get all the honor and glory in all that is said and done. It is in the name of Jesus that I pray. Amen

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Susan Wagle.

SPECIAL REMARKS

President Susan Wagle introduced new staff serving in the Senate for the 2016 legislative session. Harriet Lange, desk clerk; Bill Uhner and Larry Perry, doormen.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STATE OFFICERS

January 11, 2016
Office of Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt

Director of Communications, Clint Blaes, submitted the 2015 Annual Report for the Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation Unit.

January 11, 2016
 Kansas Corporation Commission

The following reports were submitted: the Abandoned Oil and Gas Well and Remediation Status Report; the Annual Report on Land Spreading; the Annual Price deregulation Report; the Biennial Report on Electric Supply and Demand; and, the Annual Report of the Public Utilities and Common Carriers.

January 11, 2016
 Kansas Electric Transmission Authority

Chairman, Earnest A. Lehman, submitted the Board of the Kansas Electric Transmission Authority (KETA) report of the Authority's tenth full year of activities.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were introduced and read by title:

SB 318, AN ACT concerning utilities; relating to state entities; concerning the Kansas electric transmission authority; abolishing certain funds and transferring the balances; amending K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 45-229 and repealing the existing section; also repealing K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 74-99d01, 74-99d02, 74-99d03, 74-99d04, 74-99d05, 74-99d06, 74-99d07, 74-99d08, 74-99d10, 74-99d11, 74-99d12, 74-99d13 and 74-99d14, by Committee on Utilities.

SB 319, AN ACT concerning civil procedure for limited actions; relating to venue under the small claims procedure act; amending K.S.A. 61-2708 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Judiciary.

SB 320, AN ACT concerning the judicial branch; relating to severability of the provisions of 2015 House Bill No. 2005, chapter 81 of the 2015 Session Laws of Kansas; repealing K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 20-1a18, by Committee on Judiciary.

SB 321, AN ACT concerning probate; relating to filing of wills; amending K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 59-618a and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Judiciary.

REFERENCE OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were referred to Committees as indicated:

- Education: **SB 312**.
- Ways and Means: **SB 313**.
- Agriculture: **SB 314**.
- Judiciary: **SB 315**.
- Assessment and Taxation: **SB 316**.
- Commerce: **SB 317**.

REPORT ON ENROLLED BILLS

SR 1755 reported correctly enrolled and properly signed and presented to the Secretary of the Senate on January 12, 2016.

On motion of Senator Bruce, the Senate recessed until 4:50 p.m., for the purpose of a Joint Session to hear the Governor's State of the State address.

On motion of Senator Bruce, the Senate adjourned until 2:30 p.m., Wednesday, January 13, 2016.

ROSE MARIE GLATT, CHARLENE BAILEY, CINDY SHEPARD, *Journal Clerks*.
COREY CARNAHAN, *Secretary of the Senate*.

